

## How to Connect to the Library Databases

Go to the Library home page at [www.sanbrunolibrary.org](http://www.sanbrunolibrary.org)

- Click on the link to "magazine articles" in the middle of the page
- Click on the link to Infotrac
- Enter your library card number
- Choose a database and begin searching



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## Homework Helpers:

### Using the Library's Online Databases



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## What is a Database?



A database is an electronic collection of articles, books and other information that can be searched via computer.

### Databases are one of the best places to find information because:

- *They help you find articles on specific topics.*
- *They are organized so that you can find information more precisely than on the Internet.*
- *They cover a variety of subjects.*

## How are Databases different than the Internet?

*It may seem confusing at first, but databases are very different than the Internet as a whole. While you use Internet technology (like a browser) to connect to, and search databases, the databases themselves contain information that comes only from well-known print publishers. Unlike the Internet, where anyone can put up a web page, the information in databases comes only from reputable education companies. So there is a BIG difference between searching a database and searching the Internet with something like Google.*

### Databases at the San Bruno Library

The San Bruno Library subscribes to the Infotrac collection of databases from the Gale Group. These databases are provided free to anyone with a library card. The databases are useful for homework and research on such topics such as state reports, country reports, ancient civilizations, science projects and more.



## Which Database Should I Choose?

### For elementary school students

- Kids Infobits
- Kids edition K-12

### For middle school and high school students

- Student Resource Center Gold
- Opposing Viewpoints
- Infotrac Onefile
- Literature Resource Center
- Biography Resource Center

